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TO AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

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TAGS: SOPN, NP, US

SUBJECT: NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF CORONATION

REF: KATHMANDU 1596

FOR AMBASSADOR CARGO

1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT CONTINUED GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN GON AND NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. WE HAVE PARAPHRASED SOME OF YOUR COMMENTS AND PASSED THEM ON TO BARRY BISHOP, WHO FELT THEY WOULD BE USEFUL IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH GEOGRAPHIC EDITORS.

2. WE WERE IN TOUCH WITH BARRY WHILE GEOGRAPHIC WAS IN PROCESS OF MAKING DECISION ON ARTICLE AND HAVE TALKED WITH HIM AGAIN SINCE YOUR CABLE ARRIVED. HE, OF COURSE, RECOGNIZES THE STAKE THE GEOGRAPHIC HAS IN NEPAL AND AT THE SAME TIME WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST THE NEPALESE. HE WAS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN DECISION PROCESS AND URGED THAT THE ARTICLE BE SALVAGED IN SOME WAY, PERHAPS BY MAKING IT A MORE GENERAL ARTICLE ON KATHMANDU VALLEY OR NEPAL. IN THE END, HOWEVER, HE APPARENTLY FELT, AS A PROFESSIONAL, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THE QUALITY OF THE PHOTOGRAPHIC MATERIAL (AS A RESULT

OF THE LIMITATIONS ENCOUNTERED BY THE GEOGRAPHIC TEAM)
SIMPLY DID NOT WARRANT AN ARTICLE.

3. BARRY HAS PROMISED TO GET BACK TO US AFTER DIS-
CUSSING THE WHOLE QUESTION FURTHER WITH THE EDITORS. WE
WILL LET YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS.

4. GEOGRAPHIC HAS WRITTEN TO AMBASSADOR KHANAL EXPLAINING
THEIR DECISION. KISSINGER

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